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REQUEST FOR CONFIRMATION OF CONSIDERATION OF INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request confirmation of consideration of the Information Disclosure Statements dated December 4, 2002 and February 4, 2004. Applicants request that an initialed copy of the Form-PTO-1449, signifying consideration of the references cited in the above-identified Information Disclosure Statements, be forwarded to Applicants' undersigned representative at the earliest convenience of the Examiner. For the Examiner's convenience, attached are copies of the aforementioned forms.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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